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## No. 2 CIA Post May Be Up for Grabs

There are increasing reports that John Mc-Mahon, deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency, will be leaving for a job in the private sec-

tor, with fundamental zimprovements in our intelligence capabilities still to be realized. Observers are disheartened, however, by two names apparently being considered by CIA Director William Casey as Mc-Mahon's replacement: Lionel Olmer and Robert



Gates. HUMAN EVENTS has previously reported on strong opposition to Olmer. Gates, who is presently in charge of estimates at CIA, is a formerclose associate of David Aaron, foreign policy adviser to former Vice President Walter Mondale.

Gates served in the Carter White House as a key policy aide and was a favorite of then DCI Stansfield Turner. Gates was a strong supporter of SALT II and has generally taken a soft-line view, of Soviet aggressions around the world. Many believe that Gates retains close ties to the left-liberal Democrats and is, in fact, a potential DCI in a. future Democratic administration. Conservative observers on Capitol Hill and elsewhere believe his: appointment as deputy director would be harmful; o Reagan Administration policies.

Conservatives wish that Casey would take z closer look at seasoned Gen. Paul Gorman, soon to leave as commander of the U.S. Southern Command in the Panama Canal, who has done a superb job in the critical Central American region. He has seen firsthand the need for a strong American intelligence capability, and his no-nonsense approach to bench-warmers and handwringers could be a breath of fresh air at the bureaucratically hidebound CIA.

Another name being mentioned is Kenneth De-Graffenreid, the intelligence director on the NSC staff who was brought in by Richard Allen when he was national security adviser. DeGraffenreid has established a reputation as a knowledgeable, discreet, hard-working professional with unquestioned loyalty to the Reagan agenda.